

## Be of Good Character

### *“Daniel & the Lion’s Den”*

*“People who do not believe are living all around you. They might say that you are doing wrong. So live good lives. Then they will see the good things you do, and they will give glory to God on the day when Christ comes again”.*

#### **1 Peter 2:12**

ASK:

- What is character? *Allow the students to respond. (A person, esp. with reference to behavior or personality)*
- What are some character traits that people can have? *(Honest, liar, lazy, hard worker, encourager, discourager, loyal, disloyal, etc.)*
- Character traits can be positive and they can be negative.
- Character also has consequences. If you are honest, people will trust you. If you are lazy, you won’t get good grades that come from studying.
- Godly character requires discipline. We must follow God every day and obey His commands to have Godly character.

Today we are going to learn more about Daniel and how his Godly character earned him the trust of the King and God’s protection.

This story begins after Daniel has served many kings through his years and earned their trust to take care of important issues within the city. He is now about 70 years old and the current king is King Darius

**Read: *The Action Bible* – “A Lion Taming” – pages 484 - 488.**

Daniel had been protected because he was faithful to God and because he had placed his trust in Him. God sees all that we do and He knows when we are treated unfairly. Continue to be faithful and trust Him to protect you and to help you in your difficulty.

- Consequences: **A consequence to faithfulness to God** is having His protection.) It takes daily discipline to be faithful to God. We must spend time each day praying to Him and reading His Word if we are going to be strong in our faith like Daniel was.
- The king was overjoyed that Daniel was alive! He gave orders to lift Daniel up out of the den. They brought him out and there wasn’t a bite mark or a scratch found on his body because he had trusted in his God. That is amazing faith!
- **Consequence for deceitfulness is punishment**. The king commanded that Daniel’s enemies who falsely accused him were to be thrown into the lions’ den. Before they reached the floor of the lions’ den, the lions overpowered them and crushed all their bones.

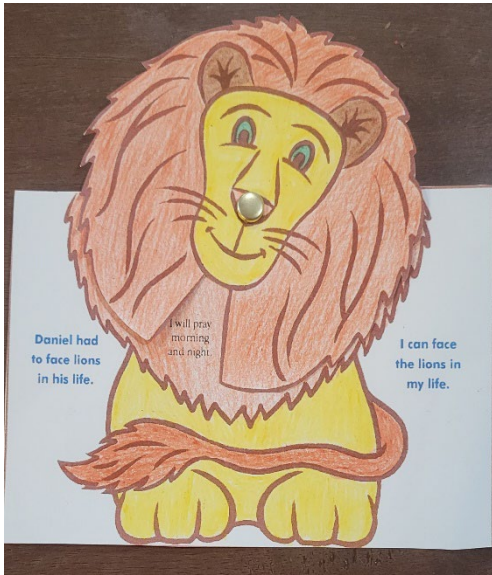
Daniel had a positive impact on Darius. Because of his good reputation and faithfulness to God he gained favor in Darius’ sight. ***Darius’ came to know that God is living and powerful through Daniel’s excellent life.***

- How is your character influencing others around you?
- Are others learning what it means to be a Christian by the way you live your life or are they learning how to get in trouble at school or at home because of your actions and attitudes?
- If you are trying to be a good influence it is important that you ask God to show you if you have any habits or attitudes that might not be a good example to those who are watching you.
- **Let’s choose to live good lives among others this week so we can be a light for Jesus!**

**End in Prayer**

## Craft: Lion Character Spinner and Daniel & Lion Hand Puppets.

**Materials** – Character spinner template, brass fasteners, brown paper bags, Daniel & Lion puppet templates, crayons and markers, scissors and glue.



## Videos:

Daniel & the Lion’s Den:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bEM\\_X25DWPk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bEM_X25DWPk)

Veggie Tales: Where’s God When I’m Scared:

<https://app.pureflix.com/videos/267051046563/veggietales-wheres-god-when-im-s-scared?recommended=q%3Aveggie%20tales%20>

## End in prayer

Feel free to take a picture of their art work and post it on our Facebook page or share it on GroupMe.

Have a Blessed Day

& Week! Until we

can meet again ~

*Teacher Chrissy*

Lesson help from: <https://ministry-to-children.com/> and The Action Bible Videos – Veggie Tales and Saddleback Kids